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The Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, where he ordered the release of administrative detainees.

PM orders detainees freed from Mahatta

AMMAN, Jan. 10 (JNA) — Forty detainees held at the Mahatta Correctional and Rehabilitation Centre under administrative detention were freed today.

The release was the first for such detainees under an order by the Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, issued today.

Detainees who have spent a sufficient period of time in detention to deter them from committing other offences in the future will be released, and others detained by

civil and martial court orders will have fair trials.

The prime minister also requested the Minister of Social Development, Mrs. In'am Al Mufti, to conduct an urgent study

of juvenile delinquent cases especially those detained for social offences. He also urged that the construction of the rehabilitation centre being built at Swaqa be speeded up.

The prime minister's orders followed his visit to the Mahatta Cor-

rectional and Rehabilitation Centre today. He met with the director of the Public Security Directorate and other officials, who briefed him on the general situation at the centre.

Speaking to the Jordan News Agency after the visit, Sharif Abdul Hamid said the centre's responsibility is to try to rehabilitate the detainees, and it is the duty of the state and society to be fair to them and treat them humanely.

UNRWA's deficit discussed

AMMAN, Jan. 10 (JNA) — The Minister of Reconstruction and Development, Mr. Omar Nabulsi, discussed with the director of UNRWA affairs in Jordan, Mr. John Tanner, today educational, medical and supply services as well as vocational training for Palestinian refugees in Jordan.

They also exchanged views on the effect of UNRWA's budget deficit this year estimated at \$52 million for all services.

Later the minister received at his office delegations of refugees representing camps in Jabal Hussein, Wihdat, Baqa' and Taliyeh, who briefed him on conditions in their camps. They discussed in particular the reduction of food supplies by UNRWA and health condition as well as the acceptance of refugee students at UNRWA's vocational training centres.

The minister promised the delegation that a committee will be formed from the Ministries of

Education and Reconstruction and Development as well as UNRWA to study the students' cases. The meeting was attended

by the under-secretary of the Ministry of Reconstruction and Development, Mr. Abdul Rahim Jarar.

\$91m pledged to UNRWA

AMMAN, Jan. 10 (JT) — Forty-one governments pledged about \$91 million in cash and kind of UNRWA's 1980 operations last month at a meeting of an ad hoc "Pledging Conference" of the United Nations General Assembly, the UNRWA monthly newsletter released here said today.

The three highest pledges were made by the United States (\$52 million), Sweden (\$11 million) and the Federal Republic of Germany (\$6 million), the newsletter added.

Commissioner General Olof Rydbeck thanked governments for the pledges made but added that despite the generous contributions, "the financial outlook for the Agency for 1980 is precarious, and considerable additional efforts will be required if its essential services to the Palestine refugees are to be maintained at established levels."

UNRWA's requirements for 1980 are estimated at about \$185 million. Taking into account the pledges and adding other contributions expected to be made for 1980, UNRWA's projected income for 1980 totals about \$132 million, thus falling short of requirements by some \$53 million.

Disarming thoughts

THE NEWS that the United States has called off plans for further talks with the Soviet Union on banning chemical warfare is a serious reminder of how the rest of us risk being victimised by the intensifying rivalry and confrontation between the two superpowers.

The two have been negotiating privately on a ban on chemical weapons for more than three years, and have promised to present a "joint initiative" to the Geneva disarmament conference as a first step towards a multilateral treaty.

Washington's apparent reason for shelving the chemical warfare talks, at least for the moment, is the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Now those of us who do not specialise in creating ever more deadly and diabolical methods for eliminating fellow members of the human race must ask ourselves: who are the real losers if, because of an American desire to retaliate against the Soviet Union for its admittedly audacious intervention in Afghanistan, the two superpowers set aside their plans for cooperating in banning chemical warfare?

To our knowledge, the victims of these inhumane weapons have so far been not the people of either the United States or the Soviet Union, but, rather, a variety of people, mostly innocent non-combatants, in Third World countries where the respective client states or puppet armies of the two superpowers have been engaged in rebellions or wars of national liberation.

Those who have tasted the searing flames of napalm or the acrid fumes of nerve gas to date have been the people of Vietnam, Angola, Eritrea or Kampuchea, not Vladivostok, Atlanta, El Paso or Kiev.

The most dramatic case in point is that of south Lebanon, where, even without falling prey to direct U.S.-Soviet competition over their future, thousands of innocent people know the horrors of a napalm attack (as well as the effects of conventional agents of death and destruction) thanks to America's willingness to share its destructive capability with its rampaging clients, the Israelis: we here in Jordan have, in 1967, ourselves felt the effects of Israeli napalm.

Europeans and Americans have only the as-yet-unperfected terror of the neutron bomb — which kills people without destroying property — to worry about. It was this worry which prompted the U.S.-Soviet chemical warfare talks. The U.N. disarmament commission (whose effectiveness is not exactly encouraging, judging from the mounting inventories of increasingly terrifying weaponry which the two superpowers are managing to accumulate) still has before it the whole question of chemical warfare, whatever the fate of the bilateral talks may be.

Still, the fellow travellers of Moscow and Washington on Spaceship Earth can perhaps be excused for feeling a mounting compulsion to get off. The Big Powers may quarrel with each other about their respective interpretations of their respective abuses of international law and order. But if they bring things to a head, they take the rest of us with them.

The non-aligned countries — and we now constitute a majority in the world community — must take it upon themselves to do everything possible to try and avert a superpower collision of which we will be the real victims.

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AL RA'I: The government has quickly carried out its pledge to strengthen its positive interaction with the people and deal with negative manifestations, wherever they appear in the administrative apparatus.

This fulfillment is contained in the cabinet's decision to form a bureau to look into citizens' grievances in their dealings with government institutions and employees, and in the cabinet's moves to form a judicial body to deal with issues of bribery, embezzlement, and abuse of power. The two steps are open calls to the public to exercise its rights in responsible and enlightened control and in positive interaction to expose the negative aspects of government operations for the purpose of curing them wherever they are.

On the other hand, both steps constitute a new leap forward to get rid of the outdated value system in which a government job is an ivory tower and a source of illegal gain.

Naturally, this power of condemnation given to the people should be exercised with extreme impartiality, honesty and sincerity in order effectively to contribute to the elimination of faults to enhance the positive aspects. This would open the way for the contemplation of broader forms of enhancing popular control and participation in the responsibilities of government.

AL DUSTOUR: His Majesty King Hussein said in his recent interview with News Week magazine that instability in the Middle East is due to the absence of a comprehensive settlement in the region due to Israel's holding on the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, Jerusalem and other occupied Arab territories.

When King Hussein brings up the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Palestinian issue at this particular stage he definitely warns against the dangers of transcending them or dealing with them according to the faulty basis adopted at Camp David and by drives towards creating alliances and axes to be employed as tools in the cold war between America and the Soviet Union. If the international powers, with the U.S. in the forefront, do not want to drown the world in the quagmires of the Middle East by aggravating the situation, the only way before them is to put an end to the Arab-Zionist conflict and solve the Palestinian issue with the participation of all parties, and the concerned international powers.

This requires taking the whole issue back to the United Nations, and solving it by total Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories and the recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people in their homeland.

Engineers considering precipitating landslide on Jabal Jofah slope

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Jan. 10 — A team of municipal and government engineers are considering precipitating a landslide on the slope of Jabal Jofah, the Jordan Times learned today.

A small part of the hill and all of the downtown Akasheh Suq below it were hit by a natural landslide during the rain and snow storm here last Saturday and Sunday.

The area has been cordoned off by the Civil Defence Department and houses and stores in it have been evacuated.

Maj. Gen. Khaleel Tarawneh, head of the Civil Defence Department, said that geologically the area has not settled. It instability caused the recent landslide. An ad hoc committee of engineers and technicians from the Amman Municipality, the Royal Scientific Society and the Natural Resources Authority met today to discuss measures for dealing with the crumbling hill.

Mr. Assad Abu Ziyad, technical advisor to the mayor and head of the ad hoc committee, told the Jordan Times, "We are seriously considering ways of forcing the land on that section of Jabal Jofah to slide. We may force it by using water." Since the threat of further natural landslides on the slope is imminent, he continued, "I think it is far better for us to put some sort of plan in action rather than to worry each time there is a heavy rain that Jabal Jofah may suffer another large landslide."

Citizens' Complaints Bureau inaugurated

AMMAN, Jan. 10 (JT) — The Citizens' Complaints Bureau was inaugurated today when Mr. Eid Abu Karaki, deputy assistant to the Ministry of Interior, was named as its director general, a source at the Prime Ministry told the Jordan Times.

The formation of the bureau was announced yesterday by the Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, who placed it under the supervision of a three-man ministerial committee. The bureau will field complaints from people all over the country against government institutions, agencies and employees.

The bureau, which officially began work today, will be located in an office of the new Housing Corporation building, in front of the Prime Ministry. Employees from a number of government departments will be seconded to serve in the bureau.

The prime minister today also circulated releases to all government departments advising them of the nature of the Citizens' Complaints Bureau and urging them to cooperate with it, the source added.

Team of experts to study problems facing the Arab Common Market

AMMAN, Jan. 10 (JNA) — A four-nation committee set up by the Council of Arab Economic Unity ended a three-day meeting here today at which it reviewed means of developing the Arab Common Market.

The committee set up a special team of economic experts to survey the various problems with the implementation of Common Market resolutions and to make a comprehensive study of the application of these resolutions by member states.

A report by the team will be submitted to the next Common Market ministerial meeting, a committee source said. The committee, made up of representatives from Jordan, Syria, Libya and Iraq, reviewed a working paper dealing with proposals for facilitating the transfer of capital, free travel and transit among member states.

Cabinet agrees to set up tribunal for government malfeasance

AMMAN, Jan. 10 (JNA) — The cabinet yesterday considered the creation of a tribunal to deal with malfeasance: bribery, embezzlement, receiving pay-offs for acceptance of contracts with government and public institutions other abuses of government position.

The cabinet decided to pursue the subject at the next session, when it will establish working guidelines for the tribunal, to be referred to the National Consultative Council for ratification.

Mitsubishi to market 400,000 tonnes fertilizer a year

AMMAN, Jan. 10 (JNA) — An agreement was signed here today between the Jordan Fertilizer Industry Co. Ltd. and the Japanese firm Mitsubishi Corporation, by which Mitsubishi will market 400,000 tonnes annually of the Jordanian company's fertilizer products.

According to the agreement, Mitsubishi will also undertake the establishment of a marketing department for the Jordanian company and train its staff.

The three-year agreement will cover marketing of the company's products east of the Suez Canal: the Near East, Southeast Asia, China and Japan.

The agreement was signed by the President of the National Planning Council and Chairman of the company's board of directors, Dr. Hanna Odeh, Mitsubishi's general manager signed for his company.



Alia Chairman Ali Ghandour (third from left) opens the third Middle East Air Carriers Conference at the Amman Holiday Inn Thursday.

Alia hosts airline conference

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, Jan. 10 — Representatives from 24 airlines serving the Middle East met at the Holiday Inn here today to review the latest developments in telecommunications technology.

The third Middle East Carriers' Conference, hosted by Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, brings together 52 delegates from outside Jordan whose airlines are members of the Societe Internationale de Telecommunications Aeronautiques (SITA). SITA is a non-profit making, cooperative organization created by airlines to meet their needs for telecommunications services. It was created 30 years ago by 11 airlines

which pooled their telecommunications resources.

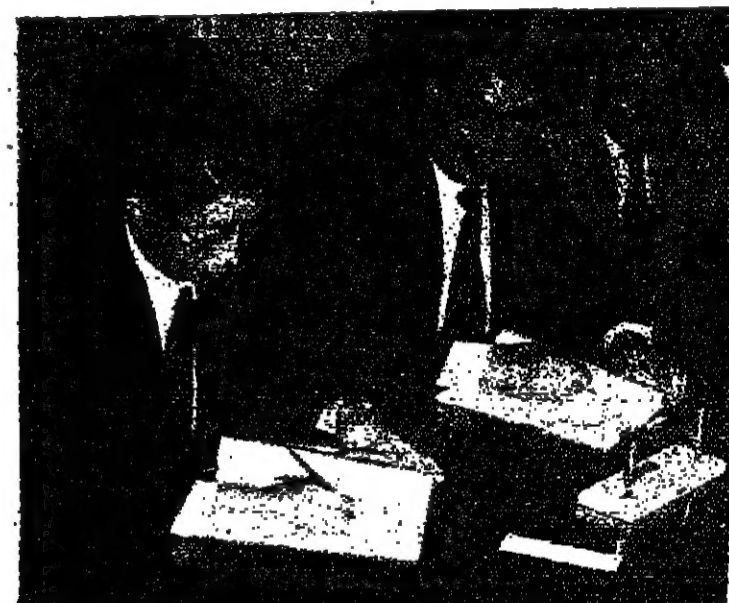
"From very modest beginnings SITA has today grown into a truly international enterprise, serving its 240 member airlines in 152 countries of the world, and is the largest private data network in existence," said SITA Director General Claude J. Lalanne in his speech to the delegates.

The SITA-owned and operated Gabriel reservation system is based on Univac computers located in Atlanta, Georgia and provides comprehensive reservation and management information service to airlines which do not have privately-owned or leased systems. "There are currently 27 carriers using the Gabriel system," Mr. Lalanne said.

Alia chairman Ali Ghandour opened the one-day conference, which will discuss telecommunications services such as reservations, information and departure and arrival information provided by SITA's ten computers located around the world.

Jordan's delegates to the conference include Alia's Telecommunications Manager, Mr. Basim Al Hassan, Alia's Reservation Manager, Miss Zein Bisharat, Jordan's Telecommunications Corporation General Manager, Mr. Shahed Ismail, and three of the corporation's engineers.

The first Middle East Air Carriers' Conference was held in Kuwait in 1977 and the second in Tunis in 1978.



Dr. Hanna Odeh signs fertilizer agreement with Mitsubishi representative Thursday.

Local News Briefs

AMMAN, Jan. 10 (JNA) — The Minister of Public Works, Mr. Ma'an Abu Nowar, today was sworn in before His Majesty King Hussein at a ceremony held at the Royal Court. Mr. Abu Nowar was abroad when the new cabinet was formed last month. Attending the ceremony were the Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, Court Minister Amer Khammash and the Chief of the Royal Court, Mr. Ahmad Lawzi.

AMMAN, Jan. 10 (JNA) — The director general of the Politics Bureau at the Argentine Foreign Ministry is due here on Monday for a two-day visit to Jordan. He will hold talks with Jordanian officials on relations between Jordan and Argentina.

AMMAN, Jan. 10 (JNA) — The Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) will shortly be conducting a feasibility study on a project for the electrification of rural regions in the country by the end of the 1980's. JEA's Director General Ibrahim Badran said today. He said that the \$25 million project entails extending electricity first to nearly 40 villages, and then to other villages and settlements not included in JEA's existing plans.

ZARQA, Jan. 10 (JNA) — The Municipality of Zarqa is considering constructing a new bridge over the Zarqa river, the city's mayor said here today. He told the Jordan News Agency that the bridge would be used by pedestrians, but water pipelines will also be laid along the bridge to carry water from the eastern side to the western part of the city. According to the mayor, the municipality has also donated piece of land north of the city, on which a Civil Defence Department centre is to be built.

AMMAN, Jan. 10 (JNA) — Holland has presented the University of Jordan Library with a collection of 246 scientific books in accordance with a cultural agreement between Jordan and Holland. The Dutch honorary consul in Amman gave the books to the library yesterday. University sources said the library has also reached agreement with the Arab-Spanish Institute in Madrid for the exchange of publications.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

Bridge tournament

The Jordan Club (Nadi Al Urdun) is sponsoring a bridge tournament, the Nazih Sharaiha Annual Individual Cup. The tournament will be held in the Merryland Hotel, Abdali, starting at 5:00 p.m. and finishing at about 8:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the first five places. All bridge players are welcome.

Exhibition

The Goethe Institute, in cooperation with the Dept. of Culture and Arts, presents an exhibition of contemporary German graphic art from the art centres of Stuttgart, Karlsruhe and Munich. The exhibition is on display during regular hours until Saturday, January 12.

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Islamic art exhibit displays diversity

By Sara O'Neill
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, Jan. 10 — Visitors to exhibition of Islamic art and architecture organised by the students of the Faculty of Shari'ah (Islamic Law) at the University of Jordan, currently showing in the university library, should bear in mind that the value of the exhibit is not in the quality of the exhibits — some of which one has to be poor — but in the diversity of visual means used to convey message of Islam. Some of the rods used are, indeed, highly natural.

The exhibition works rather on a popular than a fine art level. The glories of Islamic architecture, for instance, can be better appreciated by sitting with a good book of illustrations, since those reproductions, taken from books and dars, are generally of a rather quality. The uneven out-

lining in black felt tipped pen of some of the fainter pictures does not help either. There are a few fine posters of some of the most famous mosques in Iran and Turkey, though, and a guide to the holy places in Saudi Arabia.

A corner of the hall is devoted to architectural students' drawings of different aspects of the university mosque, including Islamic inscriptions carved out of iron.

One moves on from this quite well presented section to the most interesting part of the exhibition, individuals' interpretations of the importance of Islam rendered in paintings and drawings. Actually they are not arranged in order, nor is there any clue as to whether these artists are students or not, but for the sake of clarity it is easier to review these works together. They are in fact placed among a number of different views of the Dome of the Rock, including a photograph reproduced on an embossed card and a

gilt beaded representation on black velvet.

An artist named Mohammad Fa'ouri has ideas far more developed than his technique in oils. In one of his works, entitled "The future of Islam", an egg-shaped globe of the world is speared in a dozen different places with minarets suggestive of swords — though one cannot be sure if this similarity is intentional or not.

A promising painter called, simply, Ayed has some very intriguing fantasy Islamic landscapes on display, which show a highly imaginative mind at work as well as considerable artistic ability.

The most striking of these has an Islamic city perched on top of a hill like a fortress, set against a menacing stormy sky. The absence of a title leaves one conjecturing on the meaning, since it is not a particularly Islamic characteristic to build towns on hill tops. In another part of the exhibition three more of his works, also townscapes, are grouped together under the title "Islamic ruins".

The rest of the exhibition consists of models of mosques, a few Korans from the university library and a number of objects decorated with Islamic motifs, ranging from an ashtray to a tile on which pieces of felt, straw and sand have been imaginatively incorporated into a scene of a desert mosque.

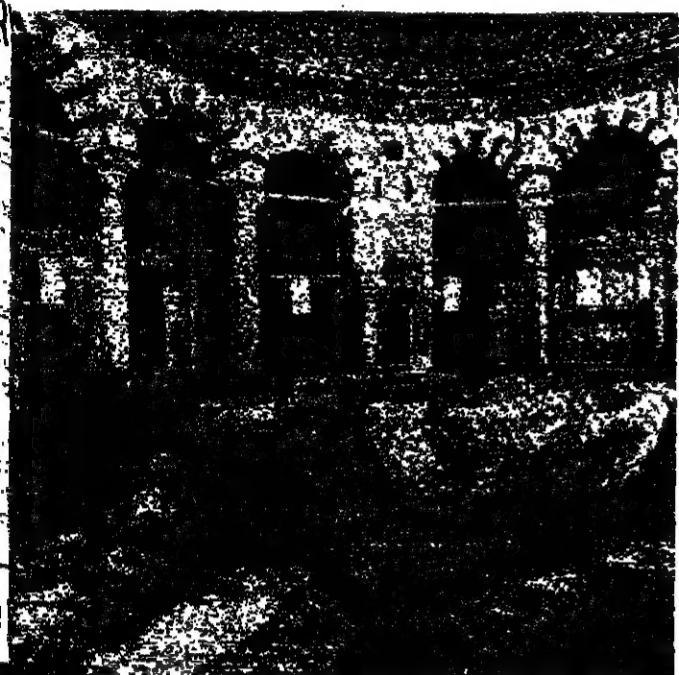
Koranic verses are represented in a number of novel as well as traditional forms of calligraphy. Koranic phrases cut out of light metal mounted on felt or velvet, such as one can buy in a number of downtown shops, are for sale at JD 4.

If one peers closely at an array of postcard-sized designs using verses and sayings from the Hadith, some interesting ways of mingling message with artistic composition emerge.

Of particular note in this section is a ship riding the waves beneath a bright sun, all of which are cleverly



His Majesty King Hussein received at the Royal Court Thursday U.S. Senator John Chaffee (R-Rhode Island), who is a member of the Senate Armed Forces Committee. The audience was attended by the American Ambassador in Jordan, Mr. Nicholas Veliotis.



Reproduction of the interior of the Dome of the Rock on sale at the Islamic art exhibition.

Dr. Jan Shicka of the Faculty of Architecture has three very fine ink and wash drawings of mosques in India on view, next to a reproduction of a picture by a well-known Palestinian artist, Ismael Shamout. The picture of the Dome of the Rock is entitled "Palestine: Jerusalem is in my heart" — a message which can be appreciated by all visitors.

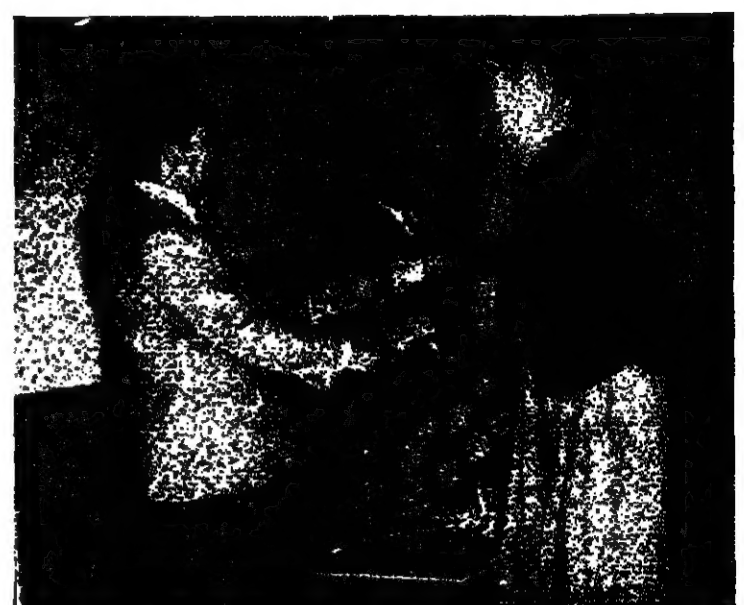
Rather less easy to understand, and to this reviewer at least quite bewildering, are two paintings one above the other. In one, executed by Aziz Shahin in 1966, an unfortunate man in traditional Arab dress peers out from behind prison bars. This work is entitled (an approximate translation from the Arabic) "Artistic photographs in the Koran". The painting below it, anonymous and untitled, shows a modern steamer plunging (to its doom?) into a stormy sea, possibly a condemnation of the soul-less nature of this modern technology-dominated era.



AMMAN, Jan. 10 (JNA) — The Minister of Municipal, Rural and Environmental Affairs, Dr. Jamal Sha'er, said today that among the questions being considered in the municipalities sector are the revision of the administrative organisation, amendments to the municipalities law, granting women voting and election rights for municipal councils and the division of the Amman municipality into a number of municipalities, in addition to discussions on local government and regional planning. He said during a meeting he chaired this morning, attended by the directors general of the Housing Corporation and the Development Bank for Municipalities and Village Councils, the deputy director of the Water Supply Corporation and top ministry officials, that a ministerial committee was set up to discuss the draft law on local governments. The draft law, he added, will later be put forward for expanded discussion by various government institutions and the public in general.

53 survey technicians graduate

AMMAN, Jan. 10 (JNA) — A group of 53 Jordanian survey technicians graduated today from the Jordan National Geographic Centre at a ceremony held under the patronage of His Highness Crown Prince Hassan.



His Highness Crown Prince Hassan presents a diploma to one of 53 survey technicians who graduated from the National Geographic Centre Thursday.

The Crown Prince made a speech on the occasion, underlining the importance of maps and charts in surveying and locating natural resources and population centres in the country.

He distributed diplomas to the graduates and prizes to those excelling in the two-year training course.

The Crown Prince then toured the centre and a special exhibition of equipment used by the trainees set up for the occasion.

Other speakers at the ceremony were the centre's director, Mr. Ra'fat Majali, and the head of the French team of experts who instruct the trainees.

General Assembly discusses Afghanistan

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point: Cairo, Egyptian maritime port workers have decided to go Soviet ships in protest at the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Official Middle East News Agency (MENA) quoted the man of the Maritime Transport Union as saying Egyptian workers would not provide services, loading or unloading of Soviet vessels calling on Egyptian ports.

The chairman, Mohammad

Ramadan Abu Tartour said the decision was taken at a meeting of the union in Port Said.

Egypt has bitterly denounced the Soviet incursion in Afghanistan and called on all Muslim countries to unify their stand against Moscow's action.

Oman and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) today welcomed a proposed emergency meeting of the 42-country Islamic Conference Organisation (ICO) at foreign ministers' level to discuss the Afghan situation, the Gulf News Agency reported.

The agency, in a despatch from Muscat, quoted a Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying that Oman would attend the projected conference which Pakistan has suggested should be held in Islamabad on Jan. 26.

In Abu Dhabi, the UAE Foreign Ministry spokesman said "The UAE welcomes the conference or any other gathering which aimed to consolidate Islamic cooperation to face dangers confronting the Islamic world."

Saudi Arabia was the first country to agree to attend the conference, proposed by Bangladesh.



Soviet soldier emerges from the commander's hatch to the rear of the turret of his Russian T-62 tank, parked at the side of the main Jalalabad to Kabul road, Tuesday. A tarpaulin covers the aft part of the vehicle, against the cold. (AP Wirephoto)

Begin, Sadat end talks

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Egypt and Israel "it shall be out according to the Camp agreement by word and deed."

Dayan, who resigned last week, said on Israeli television in view of the Iranian and Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, Israel must try to end its conflict with the Muslim

the autonomy question which, despite its many difficult aspects, can be solved," he said.

"Egyptian minister of state for foreign affairs Barroo Ghali said Thursday there is a 'de facto linkage' between progress in the Palestinian autonomy talks and the pace at which Egypt will normalise relations with Israel.

Dr. Ghali said in an interview broadcast on Israeli army radio that the "quality of the normalisation will be different" if there is no agreement on Palestinian autonomy.

While Egypt will respect the normalisation timetable in its relations with Israel, Dr. Ghali said, Israel must try to end its conflict with the Muslim

ing to build the peace together. And it would be impossible to build peace together, to have common institutions, unless you can find a solution to the Palestinian question."

Israeli Energy Minister Yitzhak Mordechai flew to Egypt today for fresh negotiations on the supply of Egyptian oil to Israel.

Energy ministry officials said Mr. Mordechai would spend several days in Cairo, meeting Egyptian officials to discuss new prices for oil purchased from Egypt following increases announced recently by oil producing countries.

The officials said that another subject to be discussed would be ways of transporting Egyptian oil to Israel.

Agreement was reached only a few months ago on the prices Israel will pay for the oil pumped from Sinai fields it handed back to Egypt last November.

Alia to publish monthly airline safety journal

By Terry McBryde
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, Jan. 10 — Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, will begin publishing a monthly journal on Jan. 12 as part of its new communications campaign to promote safety among its employees.

key to safety."

The airline is now submitting to the Civil Aviation Directorate a lengthy report on the procedures it has adopted to ensure that all the regulations are being applied

in its operations. The report compares Alia's performance with the new standards, which are based on U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations.

Inspection and surveillance to

ensure that all necessary safety procedures are being implemented is the responsibility of Mr. Marion F. Roscoe, former assistant administrator of the FAA's Office of Aviation Safety.

Mr. Roscoe retired from his post with the FAA in April of 1979 and came to Jordan in May to work as safety adviser to Civil Aviation Director Sharif Ghazi Rakan Nasser.

The Alia Safety Bulletin will contain 14 pages of articles provided by Alia personnel as well as by other airlines, the Flight Safety Foundation, and the International Air Transport Association, and reprints from newspapers such as the Wall Street Journal, according to Alia's Vice President for Systems, Safety and Management Control, Mr. Ahmad Sabbagh.

Mr. Sabbagh's post was created in September of last year as advances in technology encouraged the expansion of the airline's safety section. He also acts as a liaison to promote coordination among Alia's various departments.

Recently, Alia appointed safety coordinators in almost all of its departments, who will meet together monthly. The safety coordinators will also see that all employees are aware of all the pertinent information in the monthly journal, which will have a circulation of 1,000. "We have chosen English as the language for the journal because we want to exchange information with other airlines," Mr. Sabbagh, who will be the editor, said.

Mr. Sabbagh is also giving safety lectures as part of all employees' training. The vice president organised the introductory safety course, and will both train other lecturers and develop an advanced course.

The new safety programme at Alia is aimed not only at flight crews but also at ground crews, employees in the airport and office workers. "The chairman's policy is that any employee who feels there is a safety hazard can immediately meet with him," Mr. Sabbagh said of the emphasis Alia chairman Ali Ghandour is placing on safety. "It's an open-door policy for reporting on safety. For that reason we chose 'truth without fear' as the motto for the new journal. We aim to make it concise, simple and comprehensive to give the right message to the right people, for all employees." Alia is also in the process of obtaining certification under new safety regulations adopted in November of last year by Jordan's Civil Aviation Directorate. Alia accepted these regulations and is being evaluated by the directorate to ensure that the airline is "fit to conduct air travel service with a high degree of safety and efficiency" and that it is conforming with the regulations.

Minister opens new office of Jordan Hotels Association

Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Muwaffaq Al-Fawwaz (centre) officially opened the new office of the Jordan Hotels Association near the Arab College in Amman on Thursday. With Mr. Fawwaz is the association's president, Mr. Zuhair Ajlouni (left), Director of Tourism Michael Hamarneh (second from left), Mr. Anwar Mohamad (second from right) and Mr. Abu Saud, head of the Jordan Travel Agents Association.



AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
Arabian Development and Investment	JD 2,000	600	1,400	1,400	1,400
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	1000	1,480	1,480	1,480
Jordan Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	58975	1,680	1,650	1,680
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	100	1,450	1,450	1,450
Jordan Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	7635	2,230	2,230	2,230
Arab Bank Co.	JD 10,000	30	90,000	90,000	90,000
Cairo Amman Bank	JD 5,000	500	10,600	10,600	10,600
Petra Bank	JD 10,000	50	15,000	15,000	15,000
Jordan Minerals Research Co.	JD 1,000	120	9,000	9,000	9,000
Dar Al Dawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	100	3,800	3,800	3,800
Jordan Tanning Co.	JD 5,000	75	11,250	11,250	11,250
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	3214	2,850	2,700	2,850
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	1300	0,850	0,850	0,850
Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co.	JD 5,000	50	24,000	24,000	24,000
Arab Company for Aluminium Industries	JD 1,000	6670	1,420	1,420	1,420
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	5734	1,560	1,520	1,560
International Construction and Investment	JD 1,000	14290	1,080	1,050	1,080
Jordan Worsted Mills Co.	JD 1,000	420	3,270	3,270	3,270
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	JD 10,000	213	20,250	20,250	20,250
Jordan Ceramic Industries Co.	JD 1,000	1410	1,300	1,170	1,200
Arab Chemical Detergents Industries Co.	JD 1,000	4600	2,000	2,000	2,000
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5,000	5750	10,300	9,600	10,200

Total Volume Traded on Thursday, Jan. 10, 1980: JD 241,735

Total number of shares traded: 112,836

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1982	JD 5,000	90	451	5,020	5,020
1986	JD 5,000	320	1612	5,040	5,040
1987	JD 10,000	320	3206	10,020	10,020
1989	JD 10,000	140	1400	10,000	10,000

Total Volume Traded on Thursday, Jan. 10, 1980: JD 6,669

Total number of bonds traded: 870

TODAY'S WEATHER

It will be cold during the night, with a chance of fog formation in the morning. During the day, it will be partly cloudy with light and variable winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

	Overnight	Daytime
Amman	3	13
Aqaba	7	21
Deserts	1	15
Jordan Valley	9	17

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	293.00/295.00
U.K. sterling	661.00/665.00
West German mark	170.90/171.90
Swiss franc	185.40/186.50
French franc	72.80/73.30
Italian lire	(for every 100)
Japanese yen	36.50/36.70
(for every 100)	
Dutch guilder	124.60/125.30
Belgium franc	154.80/155.70
Swedish crown	105.10/105.70
	70.80/71.20

Basketball roundup

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (AP) — It was a National Basketball Association game but it brought back memories of Knute Roon and George Gipp. Pat O'Brien and Ronald Reagan. "I think they were up because of what happened and they went out and won one for the Gipper," San Diego assistant coach Bob Weiss said after the Clippers, with head coach Gene Shue beginning a one-week suspension, turned back the Milwaukee Bucks 111-101 last night. Shue had been suspended for a week without pay and fined \$3,500 by NBA commissioner Larry O'Brien for striking referee Dick Bavetta during a game in Chicago last Friday night and then falling to leave the court after being ejected.

Elsewhere, the Boston Celtics trimmed the New York Knicks 112-95; the Atlanta Hawks defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers 111-107; the Philadelphia 76ers nipped the New Jersey Nets 108-105; the Washington Bullets shaded the Los Angeles Lakers 103-101; the Houston Rockets edged the Denver Nuggets 114-112; the Phoenix Suns whipped the Golden State Warriors 113-100 and the Seattle SuperSonics downed the Indiana Pacers 120-111.

The Clippers, who failed by six points midway through the third period, caught upon a jump shot by Lloyd Free and took the lead for good 100-98 on another jumper by Free. Dave Cowens found his shooting eye early in the fourth quarter and helped the Celtics to their 11th victory in 11 home games. Boston built a 61-45 half-time advantage but had the lead cut 73-72 late in the third period. Eddie Johnson's six points in the final three minutes boosted the Atlanta Hawks. Johnson's former team-mate at Auburn, Cleveland's Mike Mitchell, had tied the game 107-107 with 1:20 remaining but Johnson sank two free throws 14 seconds later to put the Hawks ahead for good.

A pair of free throws by Caldwell Jones with 19 seconds remaining, his only points of the game. Helped Philadelphia turn back the Nets. The Nets trailed 86-74 at the start of the final period but outscored the 76ers 23-9 and went ahead 97-95 on a field goal by Cliff Robinson with 5:06 remaining. New Jersey coach Kevin Loughery, angered by the fouls called on his team in the final seconds, charged the officials and was assessed a technical foul and thrown out of the game just before it ended. The Lakers, trailing 101-97 with 1:25 left, tied the score with 29 seconds remaining after Kareem Abdul Jabbar sank two free throws and followed with a field goal. Elvin Hayes led the Bullets, who won their fourth in a row, with 25 points. Greg Ballard had 21 and Dandridge scored 15 to become the 39th NBA player to pass the 15,000-points mark.

The Rockets' Ric Barry hit a side jump shot with three seconds left to cap a wild fourth quarter. Calvin Murphy, who led Houston with 31 points, tied the score 112-112 with 32 seconds left. Moses Malone then blocked a shot by Denver's George McGinnis to set up the winning shot. Walter Davis scored 12 of his 19 points in a third-period spurt to lead Phoenix. Davis, who had missed three games with a sprained ankle, scored only four first-half points after coming off the bench. But in the third period, he piled up 12 points in a 4½ minute stretch as the Suns held off a Golden State rally.

JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

Austin, Lloyd win tourney matches

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 10 (AP)—Tracy Austin and Chris Evert Lloyd won easy first-round matches in a \$150,000 women's tennis tournament here, but one seeded player has been eliminated and veteran Billie Jean King has had to scramble twice to reach the quarterfinals. "Years ago, we'd just cruise to the semi-finals," Lloyd said. "It takes a lot out of you. The top players can't play as much as they used to." Lloyd, 25, had little trouble defeating Bettina Bunge 6-2, 6-1 yesterday, but said she may take more time off the tour this year.

Austin disposed of Sylvia Hanika, of West Germany, 6-2, 6-2 and was revitalized after a weekend loss to Martina Navratilova, the only top-ranked player to pass up this tournament. King won her second-round match yesterday, defeating Pam Shriver 7-5, 2-6, 6-4. She also needed three sets to get by her first round opponent, Betty Ann Stuart. Caroline Stoll and Kathy Jordan also advanced to the quarterfinals with victories yesterday. Stoll defeated Laura Dupont 7-6, 6-4 while Jordan, the no. 8 seed, had an easier time in ousting Nina Jagsovec, of Yugoslavia 6-1, 6-4.

In first round matches, Fifth-seeded Diane Fromholtz, of Australia, defeated Betty Stove, of Holland, 6-3, 6-1, and Turnbull, of Australia, who was seeded sixth, defeated Ann Kiyomura 6-4, 6-3.

Austin named top female athlete of 1979

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (AP) — Tracy Austin, the youngest person ever to win the U.S. tennis championship, has been voted the Associated Press female athlete of the year for 1979. At age 16, Austin won the U.S. Open last September, beating long-reigning champion Chris Evert Lloyd in straightsets in the final. Now 17 and a high school student in California, Austin is ranked third in the world by the Women's Tennis Association, behind Martina Navratilova



Tracy Austin

and Lloyd—a very close grouping according to the computer points used to make the ratings. In the nationwide balloting by sports writers and broadcasters, Austin received 72 of 205 votes. The next highest total was the 50 for golfer Nancy Lopez Melton, the AP's female athlete of the year in 1978.

Navratilova, the two-time Wimbledon winner, was third with 33, followed by Old Dominion college basketball star Nancy Lieberman with 12 and Marathon swimmer Diana Nyad with five. Lloyd, who has been chosen as female athlete of the year three times, received four votes.

Pakistanis favoured in squash tourney

LONDON, Jan. 10 (R) — Jehangir Khan, world amateur squash champion from Pakistan, has been seeded first for the British championship at Wembley here from Jan. 26 to Feb. 4. Jehangir, who is only 16, won the world title in Australia in October. Seeded second in a record entry of 140 is another Pakistani, Atlas Khan. Johnny Leslie of Britain is the third seed and New Zealander Ross Norman is number four.

Champions' Trophy Hockey Tournament

KARACHI, Pakistan, Jan. 10 (R) — Results yesterday in the Champions' Trophy Hockey Tournament here:

Pakistan six, Britain one.
West Germany four, India three.
Australia two, Spain two.

Standings

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Pakistan	5	5	0	0	10
West Germany	5	5	0	0	8
Australia	5	2	2	1	6
Netherlands	4	2	0	2	4
Spain	5	1	2	2	4
India	5	0	2	3	2
Britain	5	0	0	5	0

Tottenham downs Manchester United

LONDON, Jan. 10 (R) — Argentine Osvaldo Ardiles last night finally laid to rest the cup hoodoo Manchester United have had over Tottenham at the Manchester club's Old Trafford ground. Ardiles earned the London side an away tie against Swindon when he scored the only goal of their Football Association (F.A.) Cup third round reply three minutes from the end of extra time.

United, who beat Tottenham in the League Cup this season and the F.A. Cup last season when they reached the final, were always second best—even after Tottenham goalkeeper Miltija Aleksic was carried off with face injuries following a 67th minute clash with Scotland striker Joe Jordan. Glenn Hoddle, who with Ardiles had tormented the United defence, went in goal and Tottenham fought, chased and harried United into making errors. The goal came when Riccardo Villa, Tottenham's other Argentine World Cup player, flicked a pass to Ardiles on the edge of the penalty area. Ardiles then curled a brilliant shot into the roof of the net.

In last night's other third round replay Orient earned a lucrative home tie with London neighbours West Ham when they beat non league Altrincham 2-1. Their goals came from Joe Mayo and Billy Jennings in the second half. Altrincham's only consolation was an 84th minute goal by Jeff Johnson.

England, W. Indies head for Cup match

MELBOURNE, Jan. 10 (AP)—England's star all-rounder, Ian Botham, is likely to take his place in the side to play the West Indies in the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup match here on Saturday. England's captain, Mike Brearley, said: "Botham's feeling much better and will be practising tomorrow and Boycott had light practice today, and his neck seems all right."

Botham had precautionary X-rays on his left foot after the second test against Australia at the Sydney cricket ground. He was struck twice by hard-hit balls when fielding at silly point, but the injury was only severe bruising.

Veteran England opener Geoff Boycott sprained neck muscles while playing cricket last Monday, the rest day during the test, but he too is on the mend. Brearley added that both players are hopeful of selection.

Earlier Thursday England Manager Alec Bedser also expressed a hint of optimism concerning Botham. "Obviously he is not 100 per cent but he still has time on his side," Bedser said. Selectors are not expected to pick the team until late Friday to provide time for both key members to prove their fitness.

While England took things easy Thursday the West Indies, determined to win the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup, had a two-hour practice session at the Melbourne cricket ground. "It's time we really got back into our stride," said Team Manager Willie Rodriguez. "We had a couple of rest days after the test match so we didn't need to take a break," Rodriguez said.

The omission of either Botham or Boycott would certainly pave the way for a West Indies victory. Asked whether the odds would be in their favour if this did happen Rodriguez gave a most obvious answer. "It would certainly help but I don't see any possibility of that happening," he said.

West Indies Captain Clive Lloyd regarded today's practice as being fairly normal. "Everybody seems to be fine. We are getting better as the tour progresses," Lloyd said.

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Says country must be lifted from 'ruinous' state

Mrs. Gandhi becomes India's PM-designate

NEW DELHI, Jan. 10 (R) -- Indira Gandhi was elected leader of her Congress (I) parliamentary party today, becoming India's prime minister-designate amid scenes of jubilation in the floodlit central hall of parliament.

The 62-year-old Mrs. Gandhi had earlier met party leaders and put the finishing touches on her cabinet line-up before being called on by President Sanjiva Reddy to form a new government.

Mrs. Gandhi, dubbed the "iron lady of Indian politics" after her landslide election comeback, smiled as the party meeting began with the singing of a patriotic Indian song, *Bande Mataram*.

In a brief address before her election as leader, she pledged to continue the task of removing poverty, economic backwardness, disparity and social and economic injustice.

She said that India had to be lifted from the "ruinous" state in which it had been left by the Janata and Lok Dal governments.

Mrs. Gandhi said: "We are not small people. We are not petty-minded. We do not think in terms of vendettas and reprisals."

"We are here for many years and I invite cooperation from even those who do not vote for us or who have shown bitterness towards us."

Mrs. Gandhi still faces three cases before special courts for alleged offences committed during her 21-month emergency rule, and her 33-year-old son Sanjay faces about a dozen such cases.

Mrs. Gandhi has said that she was persecuted during the last three years in opposition and has described the special courts set up by the Janata Party government as instruments of a vendetta against her and her family and supporters.

The chief election commissioner, Mr. S.L. Shukla, meanwhile formally announced the constitution of the seventh Lok Sabha (lower house) of parliament, paving the way for a meeting of parliament at any date.

The latest count showed that Mrs. Gandhi's party had won 351 of the 525 parliamentary seats at stake with only one seat still to be declared—a two-thirds majority.

Voting in the remainder of the seats in the 544-seat house was postponed due to violence, bad weather and other reasons.

The former ruling Janata Party could muster only 32 seats while the Lok Dal of outgoing Caretaker Premier Charan Singh unexpectedly came ahead of Janata with 41 seats.

Mr. Singh said in a statement that there was a compelling need to defend the democratic system against authoritarianism, a charge usually levelled at Mrs. Gandhi.

"A great responsibility rests on all of us to see that democracy is preserved," he said.

Mr. Singh, whose breakaway from the Janata Party led to the election, said it was not too late to try for unity of democratic elements within the old and undivided Janata Party.

Personal success

The Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda said today Mrs. Gandhi won a landslide victory because her Congress (I) Party followed the line of Jawaharlal Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi.

In its first lengthy report on the elections, Pravda said the Congress Party victory "was to a remarkable extent the personal success of its leader, Indira Gandhi."

Despite its defeat in 1977, it remains in the eyes of the bulk of the Indian electorate the party once led by M.K. Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru and now headed by the latter's daughter, Indira Gandhi, the Kremlin organ said in a dispatch from New Delhi.

Pravda said the defeated Janata Party, which came to power after Mrs. Gandhi was beaten at the 1977 elections, "did not fulfill the expectations of the broad masses."

Mrs. Gandhi visited Moscow in June 1976 for one of the most lavish welcomes ever seen by a foreign guest. During the visit, President Leonid Brezhnev expressed support for the emergency measures she imposed against opposition parties.

Shah's sister lashes out at Waldheim

Iran's embassy in Brussels publishes ICRC report listing Savak atrocities

BRUSSELS, Jan. 10 (R)—The Iranian embassy in Brussels has published what it said was a 1977 International Red Cross Committee (ICRC) report detailing atrocities committed against political prisoners by Savak, the secret police of the Shah.

The seven-page report, dated Geneva, June 23, 1977, said a Red Cross delegation visited more than 3,000 political prisoners in 18 jails in Iran and heard allegations of ill-treatment in all but two of them.

An official Iranian Government statement said on June 27, 1977 that an ICRC team had submitted recommendations to Iran after spending ten days there visiting prisons containing 3,087 prisoners.

In line with ICRC policy, details of the recommendations, which were made in a report submitted to the Shah by the leader of the ICRC delegation, Mr. Alexander Hay, were not made public.

The report listed burning, electric shocks, the ripping out of fingernails, water dripping, the dropping of salt water in eyes and sexual assault as methods of torture used by Savak.

The report, which the embassy said was found in one of the Shah's offices after his overthrow, also said 124 people died or suffered mental or physical injury as a result of the torture.

It ends with recommendations for improvement in the conditions of detention.



Indira Gandhi

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Mozambique, Zambia, Tanzania talks to focus on Front's election strategy

DAR ES SALAAM, Jan. 10 (Agencies)—The presidents of Mozambique, Zambia and Tanzania will hold talks today in the Mozambique port of Beira to discuss the Rhodesia situation, it was announced here.

Official sources said the summit, hastily-called by Mozambique President Samora Machel, would concentrate on the strategy to be adopted by Patriotic Front guerrillas in the forthcoming Rhodesia elections.

Black African "frontline states" backing the guerrillas would like to see the shaky three-year-old alliance between Mr. Robert Mugabe's Mozambique-based wing and Mr. Joshua Nkomo's Zambia-based organisation fight the election on a joint platform.

Mr. Nkomo, who heads the Zimbabwe African Peoples Union (ZAPU), also believes the Front's chances of winning would be considerably improved if it fought as a unit, but a spokesman for Mr. Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) wing has announced in Salisbury that ZANU intends to fight alone.

A meeting planned for the two co-leaders to discuss their strategy in Dar es Salaam last month

failed to take place.

Presidents Machel, Julius Nyerere of Tanzania and Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia are also expected to discuss the continuing presence of South African troops in Rhodesia, which they regard as a breach of the London ceasefire agreement.

Informed sources said they may issue a formal statement at the end of today's summit calling on Britain to expel the South Africans.

It was though unlikely the other two frontline leaders—Mr. Jose dos Santos of Angola and Mr. Seretse Khama of Botswana—would take part in the Beira meeting.

Meanwhile, many guerrillas remained hidden in Rhodesian mountains, caves and forests today despite warnings they can be shot as outlaws against the ceasefire by British-commanded Rhodesian troops, British military sources reported.

The holdouts are believed to number in the hundreds.

Most of the Patriotic Front guerrillas—some 20,000 in all—were believed gathered at 16 assembly camps monitored by five-nation Commonwealth troops, the sources said.

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The former secretary of state said he would support a U.S. military presence in the Gulf and U.S. arms aid for Pakistan, but he refused to discuss arms for China.

"We now have the obligation to make sure that the Soviet Union cannot continue to threaten other countries and at the same time we have to keep open possibilities for co-existence," Dr. Kissinger told reporters.

Asked whether he agreed with President Carter's assessment of the situation in Afghanistan as the greatest threat to peace since

World War Two, Dr. Kissinger said:

"I think the overall trend, not in any one country, the trend that has seen Cuban troops in Africa and in the Middle East, and Soviet troops in Cuba, and Soviet troops in Afghanistan -- that trend is a threat to the peace."

Questioned about Mr. Carter's decision not to approve U.S. arms sales to China, Dr. Kissinger said he would not discuss tactical decisions affecting individual countries.

But he added: "I think the important question we have to address is the relationship between the security of China and the security of the United States and now we would react to military pressures against China."

"That is an important question," Dr. Kissinger said. "I think whatever we do with China should be based on some long-range concept and not on reaction to one immediate situation."



Henry Kissinger

But will transfer technology

Brown: U.S. has no plans to sell arms to China

PEKING, Jan. 10 (R)—U.S. Defence Secretary Harold Brown, visiting China in the wake of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, said today the United States had no plans to sell arms to the Chinese but was prepared to provide them with technological expertise.

"We have talked about the transfer of rather fundamental technology," he told reporters flying with him from Peking to the central city of Wuhan after five days of discussions in the capital.

"They could use it for civilian purposes, and some of it could be adapted for the military."

Mr. Brown said that although Washington did not intend to sell weapons to China following the return to normal relations between the two countries, "we are prepared to transfer technology on a case-by-case basis, and then it is up to them to use it as best they can."

He added that China was not

likely to become a major buyer of military equipment.

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Former Chinese head of state may be rehabilitated

PEKING, Jan. 10 (R)—China's former head of state Liu Shaoqi, purged during the cultural revolution, was prominently referred to as "comrade" in the official press today, a sign that his posthumous rehabilitation may be announced soon.

Two newspapers, the Guangming Daily and the Peking Daily, included Mr. Liu's name in a list of eight leaders, including the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai, on their front pages.

Mr. Liu, believed to have died at least five years ago, has not been accorded such an honour for 13 years, except for an mention in a political magazine late last year.

Purged 12 years ago along with Vice-Premier Deng Xiaoping, Liu Shaoqi was the cultural revolution's most prominent victim. He had earlier ranked second only to Chairman Mao.

Chairman Mao outlived him but Mr. Liu did not survive the downfall of his main enemies, the so-called "Gang of Four" leftist leaders.

The rehabilitation of Mr. Liu, previously accused of being pro-Soviet, is seen as one of a series of measures aimed at negating the effects of the cultural revolution. It has been expected for more than a year.

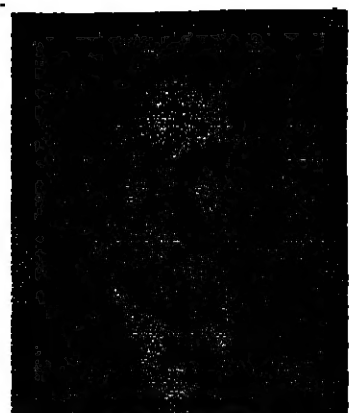
Planning for tomorrow's energy

By Nicholas Moore

LONDON -- Most scientists are confident that, when the oil finally runs dry, they could provide mankind with enough energy from other sources to ensure that civilisation survives. The crisis is not that other sources of fuel and the technology to tap them cannot be found. It is, instead, political in character.

Will governments make up their minds before it is too late what alternatives to oil they want to invest in? Will they then raise the money to develop these energy sources?

Can they reconcile the people they govern to the changes in their life-style which will be needed—particularly in affluent West—if limited energy resources are to be shared around the globe?



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And lobbyists against nuclear power argue that countries which do build them will quickly turn into police states, compelled to evolve elaborate surveillance systems to guard against plutonium falling into the hands of terrorists.

A possible "cleaner" way to limitless nuclear energy may be the second way forward — harnessing fusion, the reaction which powers the hydrogen bomb.

Present reactors use fission, the process of splitting the atom. Fusion, at high temperatures atoms bind together to release energy.

In fusion bombs, a fission "trigger" is employed to create the necessary temperature. Now way has yet been found to keep gas stable at great heat in controlled conditions, although Soviet experiments suggest that breakthrough could be near.

Critics of the nuclear industry argue that it is dangerous, unlike to produce more than ten per cent of global energy needs at best, apt to consume huge sums money which could be spent on other fuel alternatives.

Among these are wind and wave power, solar energy, biomass—using living plants as even garbage and excrement provide methane gas or, instance, the gasohol from sugarcane which is already driving cars in Brazil.

None of these appears likely to provide the "big" power needed to run heavy industry and provide electricity for national grids.

And the snag with solar energy is that, in many heavily-populated parts of the globe, the sun can be relied on to shine.

But small domestic and village scale solar cell power plants, windmills and biogas systems could heat homes, fuel stoves and provide enough electricity for lighting.

The pressure would be taken what remained of the world's natural gas resources, a dwindling stocks of coal, would last for longer in the trial uses where they are pensable.

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TEHRAN, Jan. 10 (R)—Unidentified attackers today fire-bombed the Tehran offices of Turkish Airlines, causing some damage but no casualties, Turkish embassy sources said. The sources said the blaze at the third storey offices in Central Tehran was brought under control by the fire brigade. Police said they found the remains of petrol bombs at the scene. The embassy sources said the attack took place shortly after the offices closed in mid-afternoon. No one had claimed responsibility for the attack, they added.

BERGEN, Norway, Jan. 10 (R)—Geologists have virtually trebled their estimate of Norway's offshore oil and gas reserves to between four and five billion tonnes, a senior Norwegian oil official said yesterday. Mr. Egil Bergsaker of the oil directorate told a meeting of geologists of substantial new reserves in areas of the Norwegian North Sea where concessions have not yet been awarded. Up to last month, Norway's oil reserves were officially put at 1.64 billion tonnes. The new figure puts Norway on a par with the United States, whose oil reserves are estimated at 4.4 billion tonnes.

LONDON, Jan. 10 (R)—Sir Charles Curran, director-general of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) from 1969 to 1977, died in hospital yesterday from a heart attack, aged 58. Born in Dublin and educated in Britain, he served in the Indian army during World War Two and joined the BBC as a talks producer in 1947. He was BBC representative in Canada for three years, and returned to Britain in 1959 to become head of external broadcasting administration. In 1963 he became secretary to the BBC, and in 1967 he was appointed director of external broadcasting. After retiring as the BBC's chief executive, Sir Charles became managing director in 1978 of Visnews, the world's largest television film news agency.

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 10 (R)—Argentina's cost of living rose last year by 140 per cent compared with 170 per cent in 1978, according to Economy Ministry statistics.

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan. 10 (R)—Leaders of Muslim "dakwah" (missionary) movements in Southeast Asia and the Pacific meet here tomorrow to find new ways of effectively spreading Islam. The four-day regional conference, the first of its kind, is the brainchild of foreign ministers of Islamic countries who in 1973 mooted the idea of holding it to foster regional Islamic solidarity and cooperation. The chairman of the conference organising committee, Malaysian Defence Minister Datuk Amar Taib Mahmud, says missionary activities based on traditional Islamic teachings are essential to prevent confusion among minority Islamic communities in the region, long cut off from world centres of Islamic influence. Southeast Asia and the Pacific region have about 150 million Muslims, but only in Indonesia and Malaysia are they in the majority.

MANILA, Jan. 10 (R)—President Ferdinand Marcos has ordered the release of 135 Filipino Muslims arrested early last month during a pro-Iranian, anti-American demonstration in Manila. Deputy Defence Minister Carmelo Barbero, who signed the release order yesterday, said 25 other demonstrators—members of the Muslim minority in the largely Christian country, where being held for further investigation.

TOKYO, Jan. 10 (AP)—The Japanese Government is trying a new tack to trim its rice surplus—drinking sake at cabinet meetings. Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira has said the rice-based wine also should be used to regale visitors from abroad, and that government departments should cut down on the use of champagne and other wines at state functions. With an inventory of 6.5 million tons of old rice as of the end of last October, the biggest task of the Agriculture Ministry this year reportedly is to increase consumption of rice while reducing its production.

Sweden reports record deficit in proposed budget

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 10 (R)—The Swedish Government today announced a record deficit in next year's draft budget, with more than a quarter of public spending financed by debts.

Attempts by the centre-right coalition to hold down public spending were defeated by higher oil costs and automatic increases in welfare benefits.

The deficit for the financial year starting next July 1 will be 55.4 billion crowns (\$13 billion), compared with 49 billion crowns (\$11.5 billion) this year.

"Spending of 200 billion crowns and a deficit of 55 billion crowns doesn't look like tightness," Budget Minister Ingemar Mundebäck acknowledged.

He said forecasts of similar deficits well into the 1980s gave cause for concern.

Mr. Mundebäck said that excluding welfare benefits, the increase in spending for 1980/81 would be about one per cent, compared with six to seven per cent in recent years. This was because some state

aids to industry were being phased out.

The draft budget foresees no tax increases, other than higher levies on energy, alcohol and tobacco that have already been approved by parliament.

It postulates a 6.9 per cent increase in revenues, less than half the increase in this year's budget. No estimates of the inflation rate were given.

Sweden will continue to give slightly more than one per cent of its gross national product in foreign aid, with Tanzania replacing Vietnam as the biggest recipient.

Foreign Ministry sources said a reduction in aid to Vietnam from \$95 million to \$87 million was due to the fact that large projects, a paper mill and two hospitals, had been mostly paid for.

Tanzania will receive \$90 million under the draft budget.

Sweden's total foreign aid donation of \$1.2 billion is one of the highest, relative to population, in the world.

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